

County with a population of over 85,000 people.

Currently under the leadership of Mayor Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Plantation is a wonderful source of pride for Broward County. It attracts large national and international corporations, such as American Express and Motorola, to its three business districts while continuing to focus on neighborhood development and the safety and happiness of its residents.

Furthermore, Plantation is a beautiful, tree-lined community. Its emphasis on natural environment is consistently recognized, and Plantation has been named "Tree City USA" for 28 years in a row.

In honor of Plantation's 60th Anniversary, I am proud to recognize this dynamic community for their past successes and wish them a bright and prosperous future.

RECOGNIZING DAVID CURSON

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a former colleague in Congress and an exceptional friend of working people in my home state of Michigan, David Curson, on the occasion of his retirement from the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Mr. Curson won a special election in Michigan's former 11th Congressional District and served in this House from November through the end of the 112th session of Congress. We considered important issues late last year, including the resolution to the so-called "fiscal cliff" and Mr. Curson participated actively and effectively in those debates. The people of the 11th District were well represented with Mr. Curson serving as their voice in the House during that critical period of time.

On Friday, April 12, 2013, the men and women of the UAW and a great number of his friends will come together to thank Mr. Curson for his service, to celebrate his accomplishments, and to wish him well in his retirement from that vital organization. After serving our nation in Vietnam, David Curson went to work in a Ford plant in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, where he was elected officer of his local union. His skill at representing his fellow UAW members was recognized by the leadership of the union, and Mr. Curson went to work for the International Union staff, where he served in a number of important positions. He has participated in hundreds of labor-management negotiations, and played a key role in the development of the bridge loan package that the federal government entered into with General Motors and Chrysler.

It is fitting that we recognize Mr. Curson's career of service and I hope you will join me in congratulating Dave and in wishing him and his wife Sharon, the very best in their next endeavors.

HONORING THE ROSELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CENTENNIAL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Roseland Fire Department, located in the Borough of Roseland, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

On July 23, 1913, forty four men of Roseland gathered together in the "Band Hall" with the intent to form a group of citizens to protect the town from fires. They adopted the named "Roseland Volunteer Fire Company," and elected William Chubbuck as the first Chief. The new members adopted a pledge that read, "We the undersigned citizens of Roseland, pledge ourselves to form a volunteer fire company, without pay, for a period of one year, to protect life and property of the Borough against loss by fire."

Helped along by the Newark Fire Department, located slightly over ten miles away, the committee was able to assess their needs and request funds from the town for equipment. The town council of Roseland enthusiastically endorsed the fire company, a "Thomas Flyer" engine and twenty helmets were purchased. Excited to display their new engine, the Roseland Volunteer Fire Company marched along it in the Caldwell parade that year, where it ironically caught fire. Though it was later repaired, then Chief stated, "It took a long time to live that one down."

Despite that initial setback, the Roseland Fire Department flourished, purchasing a second and third engine in the early 1920s. Engine 3 was in use for 31 years, and is still in possession of the department today. In 1922, the department wrote and adopted a Constitution and by-laws, reflecting the high standards by which the Roseland firefighters live. After moving from a privately owned garage, the department moved to a two bay house in May of 1939. In the 1980s, the Roseland Fire Department moved to its present location at 300 Eagle Rock Avenue.

Throughout the ensuing years, the Roseland Fire Department acquired state of the art machinery to ensure the continued safety of the town, including the nine vehicles in operation today, as well as radios for each officer. Their force of 37 members and cadets serve the residents, businesses, and industrial sites around Roseland. Due to the major state highway, they also respond to a wide variety of incidents ranging from structure fires, car fires, motor vehicle accidents, rescues, fire alarms, medical service, electrical fires, and a great deal of mutual aid to other Essex and Morris County communities. After one hundred years, the Roseland Fire Department continues its proud tradition of service, while maintaining a high level of professionalism and readiness for any emergencies that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Roseland Fire Department as they celebrate their one hundredth anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SEATTLE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce for its proven successes. The Chamber celebrated its 50th anniversary in February 2013.

The Chamber, founded in 1963, is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. The Chamber plays a major role in bringing together civic, professional, and business leaders from the Chinese community of Greater Seattle. It has been a leading voice in many important decisions affecting the Chinese business community in the Puget Sound region.

The Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce has a long history of proven success with its business development, scholarships, and ambassador programs. It is an advisory board member of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle (TDA) and a member of the Washington State China Relations Council (WSCRC).

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the 50 years of the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce connects leaders, improves the economy, and benefits the Puget Sound community.

ANTI-SEMITISM: A GROWING THREAT TO ALL FAITHS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently chaired a hearing on anti-Semitism where we heard from representatives from Americans and Europeans about the evil of anti-Semitism can be more successfully addressed.

At a Congressional hearing I chaired in 2002, Dr. Shimon Samuels of the Wiesenthal Center in Paris testified and said, "The Holocaust for 30 years after the war acted as a protective Teflon against blatant anti-Semitic expression (especially in Europe). That Teflon has eroded, and what was considered distasteful and politically incorrect is becoming simply an opinion. But," he warned ominously, "cocktail chatter at fine English dinners can end as Molotov cocktails against synagogues."

In response to what appeared to be a sudden, frightening spike in anti-Semitism in several countries, including here in the United States, we first proposed the idea for a conference on combating anti-Semitism under the auspices of the organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Convinced we had an escalating crisis on our hands, we teamed with several OSCE partners to push for action and reform. Many of the people and NGOs present in this room played leading roles.

Those efforts directly led to important OSCE conferences on combating anti-Semitism in Vienna, Berlin, Cordoba, and Bucharest. In each